

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

With regards to the amendment submitted July 7, 2003, Applicant confirms that the clean copy submitted was paragraph [003].

With regards to the claims 15-17, Applicant confirms that these claims were cancelled and the Examiner's decision to cancel them was appropriate.

Claims 2 and 15-17 were previously cancelled in the amendment received July 7, 2003.

Claims 1 and 8-14 have been amended.

All pending claims are now in good order for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

**I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

Claims 1 and 8-14 have been amended to make them definite and to particularly point out the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to include 24K gold as part of the white gold composition. Dependent claims 3 to 7 now read on independent claim 1 which recites the 24K gold component of the white gold composition.

Claims 9, 10 and 12 have been corrected so that the total sum of the gold composition comprising of part 24K gold and part alloy is 100% and not 101%.

Claims 8, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended to improve their form. The amended claims make it clear that the various components (i.e. copper, silver,

zinc, manganese, tin, cobalt, silicon/copper and boron/copper) are in reference to the alloy composition part of the white gold composition.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct not only the percentages so that they equal 100%, but also to correct a typographical error. It is well known in the art of jewelry making that 14K gold is comprised of 58.33% 24K gold or pure gold and not 41.67%. The 41.67% was in reference to the alloy composition. Hence, the two values were inadvertently reversed in the original claim.

The amended claims 1 and 8-14 do not add new subject and all changes are fully supported in the application as filed.

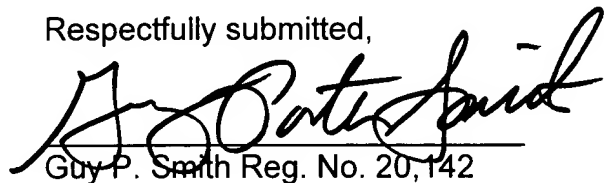
Therefore, claims 1 and 3-14 are now in good order for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

## II. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited.

Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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